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SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES BILL TO LIMIT CFTC EXEMPTION AUTHORITY

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WASHINGTON -- Legislation to strengthen investor safeguards by prohibiting Federal regulators from exempting certain types of commodity and financial transactions from the anti-fraud and anti-manipulation provisions of commodity trading laws was adopted Wednesday by the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Environment, Credit and Rural Development, announced Subcommittee Chairman Glenn English, D-OK. The amended bill was approved by voice vote.

In 1992, Congress gave the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) authority to exempt certain types of financial transactions (such as swaps and other hybrid financial transactions) from commodity trading laws if the exemption serves the public interest. The CFTC, by a vote of 2-1 on April 13, exempted certain energy contracts from most futures trading rules, including anti-fraud regulations.

"The CFTC violated the intent of Congress when it granted exemptions from fraud and price manipulation provisions of the law. My legislation, approved yesterday by the Subcommittee, corrects this misguided action," said Rep. English.

H.R. 2374, introduced by Rep. English, prohibits the CFTC from exempting any agreement, contract or transaction from the anti-fraud and anti-manipulation provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act. H.R. 2374 makes it clear that any exemption granted by CFTC cannot include an exemption from its anti-fraud and anti-manipulation regulation.

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